

## **POLICE CRIME LAB TECHNICIAN**

### **DISTINGUISHING FEATURES**

The fundamental reason the Police Crime Lab Technician exists is to perform skilled technical work involving the examination and investigation of crime scenes and providing technical support in the crime laboratory. This classification is non-supervisory and receives general supervision from the Crime Laboratory Manager.

### **ESSENTIAL FUNCTIONS**

Visually and physically examines and investigates all types of crime scenes for the recognition, collection and preservation of physical evidence such as body fluids, hair and fibers, weapons and other material in sometimes stressful and unpleasant environments. Must distinguish full range of color spectrum to observe and process evidence.

Operates a motor vehicle. Climbs steps, works in small cramped areas, bends and stoops, lifts and moves evidence, works at various heights and walks over rough, uneven surfaces.

Serves as the crime laboratory liaison at the crime scene and provides technical support in the crime laboratory.

Prepares field and scale diagrams making mathematical calculations. Prepares and utilizes various chemicals, powders and compounds utilized in a photographic and forensic laboratory. Photographs crime scenes and evidence as well as postmortem examinations.

Prepares detailed crime scene reports both handwritten and by using a computer terminal requiring continuous visual and muscular dexterity.

Conducts preliminary examinations of evidence submitted to the laboratory and prepares evidence for forensic examinations by others in the crime laboratory following prescribed procedures. Operates scientific instruments and tests firearms.

Testifies in court. Prepares court exhibits.

Subject to call outs and stand-by status.

Maintain regular consistent attendance and punctuality.

### **MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:**

#### **Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities**

Knowledge of:

The basic principles involved in scientific examination of physical evidence.  
Current laws, rules and procedures concerning the activities of a crime laboratory.  
Scientific research and methodology.

Ability to:

Perform crime scene procedures and forensic applications.

Perform satisfactorily in a variety of weather conditions and unusual working environments and such as arson, rape and homicide scenes at which deceased persons, body fluid, hair and fibers, weapons and other material must be handled.

Distinguish full range of color spectrum to observe and process evidence; operates scientific instruments and tests firearms.

Posses a valid Arizona driver's license with no major driving citations in the past 39 months

Operate a camera, scientific instruments and test firearms; safely work with various powders and chemicals; draw and measure crime scenes; perform physical movements at various types of crime scenes.

Climb steps, work in small cramped areas, bend and stoop, lift and move evidence, work at various heights and walk over rough, uneven surfaces

Operate a variety of office equipment including a computer; produce and review written reports; effectively communicate with co-workers, detectives, victims, and the general public; testify in court; prepare court exhibits.

### **Education and Experience**

High school diploma with college level courses in chemistry. Associate's degree or higher is preferred.

One to three years related training and experience in crime scene investigation, search and seizure, photography and crime scene documentation.

FLSA Status: Non - Exempt

HR Ordinance Status: Classified